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Congressman Filner Calls For Hearing on TSA Full-Body Scan

Congressman Bob Filner is calling for the U.S. House of Representatives Homeland Security Committee to hold a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) security screening procedures at airports, including full-body scans and pat downs.

"People need to know that while every precaution is being taken to keep us safe when we fly, that every precaution is also being taken to protect our privacy," said Congressman Filner. "We need to restore the people's confidence that TSA is taking privacy concerns seriously."

Congressman Filner is requesting the committee investigate claims of constitutional violations and produce recommen-

dations for restoring trust between the public and TSA. He is also asking the committee to closely examine if these enhanced procedures are in fact making travel safer.

The request comes just days after an incident at San Diego International Airport where an area man refused to go through the complete screening process, citing privacy concerns, and as a result was thrown out of the airport.

"The public is outraged and that's understandable - nobody wants to have their privacy invaded," said Congressman Filner. "We want to know if these security procedures are necessary. And if so, are we using the best techniques and technology so that security measures are the least invasive as possible."